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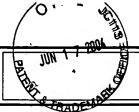
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Docket No. 20664.007

In Re Application Of: Cesar M. Diaz, et al.

Serial No. 10/757,948 Filing Date 01/14/04

Examiner

**Group Art Unit** 

Title: SYSTEM FOR TERMINATING HEART ARRHYTHMIA USING ELECTRICAL SHOCKS DELIVERED THROUGH A SET OF INTERNAL AN DEXTERNAL ELECTRODES CONFIGURABLE TO A MULTITUDE OF SHOCK CONFIGURATIONS BY SELECTING THE SHOCK VECTOR(S) ON CONTROL DEVICE THAT ALSO PROVIDES "OVERSSCHOCK" SAFETY FOR PATIENTS

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#### PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.53 AND §1.17(h)

Mail Stop: Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the filing date in the above case be corrected to December 18, 2003, the date Applicant made delivery of the complete application materials to the Patent Office.

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REMARKS

This is a request to correct the filing date which has been afforded in the present case. Applicant

filed a pro se provisional application, serial number 60/434,128, on 12/18/2002. It was Applicant's

intention to convert the provisional filing to a regular application by a pro se case which was sent

by Federal Express on 12/17/2003, in order to claim the benefit of the priority of the provisional

case.

As set out more fully in Applicant's letter and airbills (Attachment One), the complete application

which was scheduled for delivery on 12/18/2003, but was apparently returned from the Patent Office

to Applicant. Exactly why the package was returned in not entirely apparent. Applicant received

the return package on 01/13/2004, and within two hours of receipt returned the complete package

by Federal Express, the package being received by the Patent Office on 01/14/2004. Applicant has

subsequently received an official filing receipt giving the official filing date as 01/14/2004.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the above facts, including the fact that the

complete Application was apparently delivered on time to the Office, and that the filing date of

01/14/2004, be corrected to 12/18/2003.

The fee under 37 C.F. R.§1.17(h) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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### From the desk of Cesar M. Diaz

United States Patent and Trade Mark Office Commissioner of Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450 cc: Charles Gunter, Esq.

#### Dear Patent Examiner:

I sent this enclosed application out to you on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 for delivery on the morning of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003 (see Federal Express Air bill copy attached). It appears that Federal Express Added MS 17, Office of Finance to the address and this caused confusion in your office. I have checked with a law firm here in Irvine California and Fort Worth Texas and they inform me that the address originally sent to is correct so I am sending this once again but am additionally sending you this letter via fax since this is an urgent matter. Please be informed that we sent this application to ensure that Provisional Application #: 60/434,128 remained in full force and that we received confirmation of acceptance dated 1-27-03 that is attached to application.

Please note that we acted responsibly and in good faith to deliver this to USPTO but do to apparent confusion this did not get accepted as usual.

Acting within 2 hours of physically receiving the returned application sent via economy Federal Express (dated shipment: 1-13-04) but from a different address than that originally mailed to (see copy of Federal Express Air Bill for returned application) by us. We formally request that USPTO accept our application as originally sent on 12-17-03 and that should have been accepted on 12-18-03 when first attempt for delivery was attempted to the proper address.

Sincerely,

Cesar M. Diaz

Co-inventor / Applicant of record

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